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Amendments To The Specification

Please amend the specification at page 4, line 13 through page ⁶5, line 13: MLB 5/30/06

The present invention meets the need in the art by providing a fence panel that readily adjusts to conform substantially to a slope of a terrain during installation of the fence panel. The fence panel tracks a sloped grade of a portion of a terrain surface for attaching to adjacent ones of the fence panel to define an elongate length of fencing along the terrain surface, comprises a first rail disposed parallel and spaced-apart from a second rail, which rails define a longitudinal length of a fence panel. Each rail defines on a side opposing spaced-apart first and second side edges ~~spaced-apart with respect to the terrain~~, with the rails disposed at an angle relative to horizontal. A plurality of spaced-apart pickets define a pair of ~~opposing outer~~ second pickets and a plurality of ~~inner first~~ pickets. The pickets are disposed substantially perpendicular to horizontal and attach to the side of the rails with fasteners such that each of the inner-first pickets are attached attach to ~~a respective one of the rails~~ only by a fastener ~~fasteners on~~ between the first side edge and the respective first picket and the outer second pickets ~~are attached~~ attach to the ~~respective one the rails~~ only by a fastener ~~fasteners on~~ between the second side edge and the respective second picket. The fence panel, being racked by moving opposing ends of the panel in opposing directions transverse to the longitudinal axis of the rails, conforms a slope of the rails substantially to the slope of the portion of the ~~ground surface~~ terrain by changing the angle between the pickets and the rails while the pickets remain substantially perpendicular to horizontal without the rails rolling away from the ~~inner and outer first and second~~ pickets.

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